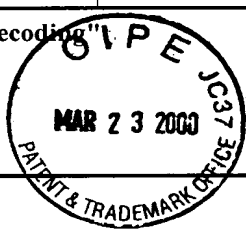


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<div style="text-align: center;"></div> <p>Address to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231</p> <p style="text-align: center;">37 CFR 1.97(b)</p> <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing of a national application; within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an international application; or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">37 CFR 1.97(c)</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after three months of the filing of a national application, or the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an international application; or after the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurred last but before the mailing date of either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113, or2. a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, <p style="text-align: center;">whichever occurs first.</p> <p>Also submitted herewith is:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a certification as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e);</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(c).</p>			

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Sir:

In order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form PTO-1449 and copies¹ of the documents listed thereon. These documents contain information which the examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b) it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in Applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on Form PTO-1449, so that it will appear on the face of the patent issuing on the present application, even if the Examiner does not consider it sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with.

The present Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56 as an Examiner might consider any cited document important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, but the citation of each document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the

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Examiner in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37CFR 1.104(a) and 1.106(b), and in the course of such search will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form even if not initialed.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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